

USS Enterprise (CVN 65)

# THE SHUTTLE

Tuesday, September 7, 2010



*Aviation search and rescue swimmers  
train in survival:*

***“So others  
may live”***



Search and Rescue (SAR) swimmers assigned to the "Dragonslayers" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 11 perform direct deployment qualifications. Direct deployment qualifications are required annually to ensure SAR swimmers remain proficient.

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Tiger Martinez



# SAILORS OF THE DAY



Aviation Structural Mechanic Airman  
John S. Petot IV

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "To serve my country."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "Watching flight operations and being a part of the evolution."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I like to exercise and tinker with automobiles."

Hospital Corpsman Jacqueline N. Gorman

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "For the opportunity to go to college."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "Knowing that I am helping people in pain."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I enjoy reading, watching movies and listening to music."



## CARRIER STRIKE GROUP 12

### SAILOR OF THE WEEK



Cryptologic Technician (Technical)  
2nd Class Jedon T. Hayden

Q: Why did you join the Navy?

A: "I joined the Navy to provide for my daughter."

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?

A: "Putting my uniform on every morning knowing that I am protecting my family and my country."

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: "I like to listen to music."

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jeffry A. Willadsen

# *“So others may live”*



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**By MC3 Robert Guerra**  
Enterprise Public Affairs

USS ENTERPRISE, At Sea – With waves reaching as high as six feet, aviation search and rescue swimmers (AIRR) from “the Dragonslayers” of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 11, lifted off the flight deck of the USS Enterprise (CVN 65) in an HH-60H helicopter Sept. 4.

The stage was set, with a Category 2 sea state, for the AIRRs to perform their direct deployment qualification.

The qualification required each AIRR to repel 15 feet to the water below, staying connected by cable, to simulate the rescue of distressed personnel. This type of ‘jump’ is typically the preferred way to rescue those in need during instances of hurricane, flood or heavy seas.

However, the ability to retrieve personnel from the water is not the only thing an AIRR is judged upon during qualifications such as this. In order to be effective an AIRR must be able to assess the situation and plan a course of action prior to initiating a rescue.

“It’s all about your decision-making,” said Naval Air Crewman 3rd Class (AW/NAC) Ricardo A. Becerra, one of HS-11’s qualifying swimmers. “It’s easy to stay in shape, but the knowl-

edge we have to possess is the difference. Making the right decision under pressure is the key.”

The extensive training that each AIRR must go through prior to earning their aircrew wings is the foundation which provides the knowledge to assess many different situations. With each AIRR undertaking two years of training in areas ranging from open oceanography and tracking submarines to survival, evasion, resistance and escape techniques, they are well-equipped to meet any challenge.

“There are so many different aspects to our job that we have to keep training,” said Naval Air Crewman 3rd Class (AW/NAC) Christopher R. Davidson, one of HS-11’s qualifying swimmers. “People’s lives depend on our ability to perform our job. We have to be ready for anything that happens.”

In order to stay prepared for the challenges AIRRs may face, each member of the Dragonslayers’ AIRR team typically puts in a minimum of two hours of physical training a day while underway. This physical training along with their dedication to studying the various mission areas they serve: anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, combat search and rescue, personnel recovery and anti-terrorism force

protection, reinforces the knowledge and confidence necessary to perform at peak performance.

“It’s all about improving yourself,” said Becerra. “You work for this job, you earn it every day. When you do this, you don’t want to quit.”

For those who don the aircrew wings, quitting isn’t an option. With a community whose motto is “So Others May Live,” that fight-to-the-finish spirit is not surprising.

“You have to want it and keep working until you reach your full potential,” said Davidson. “You keep going until you make it. As long as you have that mental focus, you can make it.”

Training and dedication is the springboard to success in this highly demanding job.

“Perfect practice makes perfect,” said Becerra. “The closer we can get to a live scenario the better off we all are. The best training we can get is in the open ocean.”

The entire team qualified during their training mission. 🌐

Enterprise is conducting work-ups and flight deck operations in preparation for its upcoming deployment. For more information about USS Enterprise, Carrier Strike Group 12 or Carrier Air Wing One visit [www.Enterprise.navy.mil](http://www.Enterprise.navy.mil), [www.ccs12.surfor.navy.mil](http://www.ccs12.surfor.navy.mil), and [www.cv11.navy.mil](http://www.cv11.navy.mil). You can also visit [www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn65](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/cvn65).





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## Big E Outlook

### Education Points for Advancement Exams

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### September 7

*Call of Duty Modern Warfare 2 tournament on the aft mess decks at 8:30 p.m.*

### September 8

*Open Karaoke on the aft mess decks at 8:30 p.m.*

## Underway Channels

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5 Training/Informational Scroll   | 29 History                |
| 6 SITE TV-Drama/Suspense/Thriller | 30 TLC                    |
| 7 SITE TV-Comedy/Romance          | 31 A&E                    |
| 8 SITE TV-Action/Adventure        | 32 E!                     |
| 12 ILARTS (PLAT)                  | 33 MTV                    |
| 14 ECDIS                          | 34 FX                     |
| 16 GBS                            | 35 NFL Network            |
| 19 AFN News                       | 36 ESPN                   |
| 20 AFN Sports                     | 37 VS (NFL/College)       |
| 21 AFN Atlantic                   | 38 Spike (NFL/College)    |
| 22 Fox News                       | 39 TNT (NFL/College)      |
| 23 Headline News                  | 40 Nat Geo (NFL/College)  |
| 24 ABC East                       | 41 USA (NFL/College)      |
| 25 NBC East                       | 42 AMC (NFL/College)      |
| 26 CBS East                       | 43 IFC (MLB/NFL/College)  |
| 27 FOX East                       | 44 SYFY (MLB/NFL/College) |
| 28 Military                       | 45 VHI (MLB/NFL/College)  |

**PROFESSIONAL MILITARY KNOWLEDGE (PMK) TRAINING**  
 We are here to help you prepare for your September advancement exam. PMK training sessions are conducted Monday - Friday at 1 p.m. on the forward mess decks until Sept. 12. When events or drills conflict with the training session, the training will be rescheduled for 7 p.m. that same day. For questions or concerns, please contact ET1 Schwartz or PS1 C. Brown via e-mail or J-6560/J-7095.

Nightly ESWs training will be held in the foc'sle, Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. Boards will be held on Fridays in lieu of training as necessary.



### PMK QUESTION OF THE DAY

**Q: What does 'overtaking a ship' mean?**

A: Passing a ship in front to the starboard side.



### ESWS QUESTION OF THE DAY

**Q: How many modes of operation does each steering unit aboard Enterprise have?**

A: Three.

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# Conserve Potable Water, Enterprise!

